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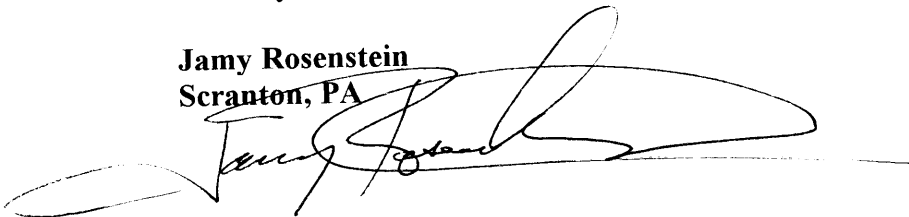
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**Attention: Lawmakers:**

As I continue life in a debilitating state almost four years after a horrifying automobile accident I hear statements of an accusatory manner regarding the abuse of prescription medication for the use of controlling chronic pain. With that information being so ignorantly exhumed, I must at this time construct my own personal plea in defense of those who are in the adverse situation of having to manage the daily strain of chronic pain. For someone who has never had to feel the physical and emotional torment of having to cope with a chronic pain condition it is very simple to judge and express disapproval of one for having to ingest medication in order to help ease the unruly discomfort placed on him or her each day. I am not opposed to educating the public and our children of the dangers involved with abusing prescription drugs but it is vital to be unambiguous as to why these medications were invented in the first place. Our lack of understanding for those who are so devilishly cursed with a condition in need of drugs is the liability of those who train us all about the dangers in taking drugs for the euphoria they can give when not used appropriately. It is not explained even to the understanding of a professional that medications such as Oxycontin have the potential to make even the most incapacitated human being live a more normal and productive existence. The pain connected with nerve and soft tissue damage can be controlled more proficiently and without numerous side effects with this drug. Only a physician or patient taking this medication can truly appreciate that relief in terms of unawareness. If the public is told about nothing but the worst of cases than their opinion will most definitely hurt the foundation of the pain patient in obtaining medication to manage their impairment. Much would be the same if a person with poor eyesight were not able to wear their prescription eyeglasses to see. No one would question why one would be in need of the glasses but only a person with the need would in fact identify with how important those glasses were to the daily function of his or her life. In retrospect if the world cannot relate to the chronic pain patient and know how crucial medications are in their life, than isn't it our job as a civilized society to make absolutely sure there is no uncertainty as to why? The media has such an incredible hold on our reality that our beliefs can be altered without knowledge of the facts. All I ask is that our cause, which is so important to so many, can be treated with the respect to which our children deserve. Our Lawmakers are in a position to make a final stand in helping the fight against those who are not able to comprehend our suffering. Please, Please, Please hear us, reverse us, help us!!!

Thank you,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamy Rosenstein', is written over the printed name and address. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.